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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
TAKASHI MATSUMOTO : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN :
(Based on PCT/JP00/05097)
FILED: HEREWITH :
FOR: ACCESS METHOD AND :
RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING :
ACCESS PROCESSING PROGRAM :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please enter the attached Substitute Specification. A marked-up copy showing the changes made in the Substitute Specification is also provided.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An access method comprising the steps of:
- requesting, by a process, an open procedure of an I/O device or an I/O interface to an operating system;